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SUBJECT: VEN-FUEL TAX STATUS

1. IN APRIL 15 LETTER TO THE SECRETARY FORWARDED TO EMBASSY, FLORIDA ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY ROBERT B. PERSONS, JR. REQUESTED CERTAIN INFORMATION INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT VENEZUELAN QUOTE HOST GOVERNMENT TAX UNQUOTE, WHICH WAS PAID BY JACKSONVILLE ELECTRIC AUTHORITY ON OIL RECEIVED, WAS IN FACT REMITTED TO GOV.

2. ACTION: PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT OF STATUS OF EMBASSY RESPONSE WHICH WE WILL THEN PASS TO MR. PERSONS.

3. FYI: TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, DEPARTMENT IS RECOMMENDING THAT US INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES INCLUDING US CUSTOMS, DEPARTMENT JUSTICE, FLORIDA STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND IRS COORDINATE ACTIVITIES BUT, NONETHELESS, WE MUST CONTINUE TO RESPOND TO THESE INQUIRIES AS PROMPTLY AND FULLY AS POSSIBLE. INGERSOLL

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